Expansion and Development of Railway Stations

853. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for expension and development of certain Railway Stations in the country during the year 1997;

(b) whether these stations have been identified and how many of them are in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether Government propose to develop the Dehradun Railway Station into a model station; if so, the date of commencement of the construction work with date of completion; and

(d) the likely estimate worked out for making it a model station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Expansion/development of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken wherever so warranted subject to overall availability of funds. Works at identified stations are included in the Annual Works Programme of the Zonal Railways. State-wise bifurcation of stations so identified are not main-

(c) and (d) Though the Model Station scheme has since been discontinued, stations which warrants development are taken care of. Accordingly work of construction of station building, improvement to circulating area and extension of platforms at an anticipated cost of Rs. 125 crore has been approved for Dehradun Railway station.

Track Electrification in Andhra Pradesh

854. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of electrification of track in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the length of track electrified, so far;

(c) the length of track to be electrified in 1997-98; and

(d) the details of the remaining section which have to be electrified in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Out of the total 5072 Route Kilometres of all gauges, 1570 Route Kilometres have already been electrified upto 31.3.96 in Andhra Pradesh and electrification works on 179 Route Kilometres are in progress during 1996-97.

(c) There is no proposal to electrify any other section in Andhra Pradesh during 1997-98.

(d) Visakhapatnam-Ichchhapuram (250 RKM) section of South Eastern Railway (Part of Bhubneswar-Visakhapatnam electrification project 443 RKM) is planned for electrification during IX Plan.

दरभंगा और दिल्ली के बीच सीधी रेलगाड़ियां आरम्भ करना

855. श्री रामगोपाल यादव: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1997-98 के दौरान दरभंगा और दिल्ली के बीच कुल कितनी सीधी मेल और एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ियां शुरू किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ख) यदि कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) और (ख) 4649/4650 सरयु-यमुना एक्सप्रेस (सप्ताह में दो दिन) और 4673/4674 शहीद एक्सप्रेस (सप्ताह में चार दिन) दिल्ली और दरभंगा के बीच सीधी सेवा प्रदान करती है। परिचालनिक कठिनाई और संसाधनों की तंगी के कारण 1997-98 में इन दो स्टेशनों के बीच अतिरिक्त सेवा प्रदान करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।